

JANE ADDAMS PRAISED

CHICAGO SOCIAL SETTLEMENT WORKER CALLED AMERICA'S FOREMOST WOMAN.

Who is America's foremost living woman?

This question is asked in the current issue of the Ladies' Home Journal. And the Journal's answer is: Miss Jane Addams of Chicago.

"This interesting question, though hardly new, has come to us," says an editorial in the March number.

"What one living woman would you place at the head of all American women as representative of a career of actual signal achievement? Then what five other women, by the same measurement, would you name next, making a round half-dozen of the living American women who have done most for womanhood?"

"Lists of this sort are invariably unsatisfactory. Still, it is always attractive to compile one. Bearing well in mind, therefore, the basis on which we are asked to make a selection, namely, 'a career of actual signal achievement,' we should unhesitatingly select for the one living American woman, apart from all others, Miss Jane Addams as the foremost living woman in America to-day known to us as having accomplished most for womanhood, and for that matter, for humankind."

"As to the other five women we are asked to select, there will be, of necessity, a wider difference of opinion. It is significant, however, when one tries to compile such a list as this upon the broad basis of actual achievement, that the choice becomes narrowed to a very few, and that we must include, even in a list of six, one woman of foreign birth, Mrs. Booth. But her work has been so splendidly and exclusively American that we choose, for the moment, to forget the accident of birth:

1. JANE ADDAMS, for practical reform.
2. HELEN KELLER, as an example of overcoming almost insurmountable obstacles.
3. HELEN MILLER GUTHRIE, for philosophy.
4. MARY LALANGLAND BOOTH, for uplifting the fallen.
5. JULIA WARD HOWE, for fostering of art.
6. FRANCES FOLSON CLEVELAND, for the embodiment of American womanhood and motherhood.

"Others there are, worthy women with careers of actual signal achievement. But six we are asked for, and six it is! That this signal honor should be paid to Miss Addams by a publication preeminently devoted to the interests of American women will scarcely occasion surprise in Chicago, where the scope of Miss Addams' work for the betterment of humanity on the lower levels is thoroughly known and appreciated. That work, conceived and carried out upon the broadest practical lines, has had a two-fold value and significance; first to the individual and second to the state. Virtually, she has been engaged in the difficult task of transforming the polyglot inhabitants of Chicago's West Side tenement district into useful and enlightened American citizens—a task calling for the maximum of tact, of patience, and of wide human sympathies. The equipment which she brought to this self-appointed work and the success with which she has pursued it year after year have brought to her more than national celebrity as a tireless worker in the cause of human progress."

She was the first woman in America to discern the need of supplementing the influence of the public school and other sources of public enlightenment with the social center, and there are, in the larger cities of this country to-day, hundreds of institutions conducted along lines similar to those of Hull House, which she founded.

Born at Cedarville, Ill., on September 6, 1860, Miss Addams is sprung from a sturdy, upright American stock. Her father was John H. Addams, for eighteen years a State senator from his district, one of the State's early abolitionists and a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln.

Miss Addams was the youngest member of a large family. As a girl she attended a country school near her home, and then entered Rockford College, from which she was graduated in 1881. She early evinced an interest in the study of medicine, and it was with the purpose of making its practice her life work that she matriculated at the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia. Perhaps the fact that her mother had died in her childhood and her father the year that she left Rockford College had tended to develop in the young woman those traits of self-reliance and of independent thinking which she has since manifested.

She had attended medical college but a year when a serious malady developed which prevented her from doing the work required for a degree. For a year she suffered from a persistent spinal fever and when she had sufficiently recovered to be able to travel, visited Europe with her stepmother. They spent two years in travel, chiefly in England, Germany, and Italy, and it was during this period that Miss Addams became interested in the experiment that was being made at Toynbee Hall among the poor of London.

When she returned to America the settlement idea had already taken shape in her mind, and in 1887, with Miss Helen Starr, Miss Addams again visited Europe.

In 1888, when she returned to America, Miss Addams decided to try her experiment on a small scale. She and Miss Starr, with only their private purses to draw upon, began to cast about for a location which should offer the widest field of usefulness. The result was the establishment of what afterward became known as Hull House, situated at Polk and South Halsted streets, in the heart of an cosmopolitan district as can be found anywhere in Chicago.

The beginning of the movement was modest. At first the two women rented but a portion of the structure to carry on their work, but by the opening of the next spring, Miss Helen Culver, who was in charge of the administration of the Hull estate, turned over the building and grounds, rent free, to the social enthusiasts. Since that time Miss Culver's gifts have been extended to include free rental of the entire half block.

The first activity of the settlement was directed to caring for the children of the vicinity, and the kindergarten work was in charge of Miss Dow. As Miss Addams had foreseen, the sympathy of the people was most easily engaged through the children, and the agencies set at work multiplied rapidly until they embraced every human activity. Hull House became what is to-day the very center of life of a district teeming with possibilities—hence the citizenship radiated, and the slow task of amalgamating the countless thousands who swarm into the public every year was greatly accelerated. It was the very spirit and essence of democracy that the institution

sought to inculcate, and the impress of its thought and feeling has been stamped upon a whole community.

Hull House has been largely the expression of Miss Addams' single personality. With her growing fame other calls have been made upon her time and attention, but she has remained staunch to her first purpose and has continued to direct the manifold activities of the institution. Her work has been the manufacture of citizens out of material often refractory and stubborn, and that work has given the Journal's opinion, the highest place among American women.

MORNING STAR A FREIGHTER.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

At Port Townsend, bound for Seattle, is the famous schooner Morning Star, seventh of the name, reduced from the ambitious project of carrying the gospel to foreign lands to carrying on one from British Columbia to Ironside in the service of James A. Moore, of Seattle. The Morning Star will probably reach port to-day, as she was delayed by fog at Diamond Head. Many a man who has sailed in the South Seas will look on the little schooner with interest, and recall some of the incidents of her career.

The first Morning Star was built early in the nineteenth century by the American Board of Foreign Missions. She was a sailing ship, only, for the day of auxiliary power was then unknown. When she was discarded another Morning Star was purchased, and so on until the seventh of the name, formerly the Sunbeam, set out on her career.

The present schooner has auxiliary power. She has cruised for years among the Gilbert, Caroline, Solomon, Hawaiian, and Samoan islands, and visited nearly every bit of dry land in the entire South Seas. The vessel would take a load of knickknacks, hymn books, tracts, hairpins, and beads, and set out on a voyage of some remote palm-tree-shaded coral reefs where dusky braves and dusky belles dwell in careless and happy ignorance of higher education and the problem play. According to the stories told by men who have sailed the South Seas most of the books most treasured were turned into curl papers, the finery was put to wear in adorning the savages, and as the sails of the schooner sailed in the blue haze of the horizon the natives looked peacefully back to the barbarian. Resident missionaries of the larger islands depended on the vessel for their supplies.

In 1885 the Morning Star returned to Honolulu from the Gilbert Islands. For the first time in nineteen years the captain and his wife renewed their acquaintance with civilization and took a steamer for the States. The schooner became infested by a number of the natives, and in idle many months, was sold to satisfy numerous creditors and Mr. Moore purchased the vessel in Oakland.

NEWS ABOUT WASHINGTON'S FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

PLAN FOR CONVENTION.

Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Meet in Boston in August.

Interest in the coming convention of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, which is to be held in the city of Boston, Mass., the first week of August, is rapidly increasing. From accounts this will be the largest gathering of Pythians ever held, and will embrace all branches of the order, with the exception of a number of members have already enrolled, and considerable interest is manifested. Knights Emrick, of Chicago, and Schultz, of Louisville, entertained the lodge with interesting addresses.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge officers at headquarters on Friday, February 28, plans were laid out for the coming year's work. All the Grand Lodge officers were present, with the exception of Grand Master-at-Arms H. P. Willey, who was confined to his home by illness.

Rathbone Temple, No. 1, Pythian Sisters, the active auxiliary of the Order of the Knights of Pythias, are composed of the wives and sisters of members of the order, has started the ball rolling for the coming year. At its regular meeting in Pythian Temple, on February 23, a class of new members was initiated into the mysteries of the order, and a new work was performed in a manner that reflects credit on the members of the temple. The drill team of the temple, robed in white and wearing the colors of the order, went through the intricate evolutions with grace and precision.

Rathbone Temple, No. 1, was instituted May 24, 1891, and has always been a leading factor in the history of Pythianism in this district. The temple also has entered the ranks of the social clubs and has a large club composed of its members who expect to visit Boston the coming summer.

The members of the drill team that conferred the work were: Mrs. Albert Kahler, Mrs. T. A. Bynum, Mrs. V. J. Matchett, Mrs. M. Maddox, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. E. Braden, Mrs. Guy Flenner, and Mrs. H. B. Armstrong, with Mrs. C. H. Woodbury as pianist. The drill team of the temple, most excellent chief, Mrs. P. B. Brown; most excellent senior, Mrs. P. Prescott; most excellent junior, Mrs. H. P. Willey; manager of the temple, Mrs. A. Dix; mistress of records and correspondence, Mrs. A. Sullivan; mistress of finance, Mrs. A. Kahler; protector of the temple, Mrs. M. Maddox; outer guard, Mrs. V. J. Matchett, and past chief, Mrs. V. J. Matchett.

After the conferring of the work refreshments were served.

Calanthe Lodge, No. 11, conferred the rank of page on one candidate at its convention on March 2. Among the visitors present were Leon Kaiser, who is the chancellor commander of Eclipse Lodge, No. 194, of New York City; Knight Ripley, of Front Street Lodge, New Hampshire, and Knight King, of Yonkers Lodge, of Yonkers, N. Y.

Webster Lodge, No. 7, at its convention on Tuesday evening last, conferred the rank of knight on a candidate in amplified form, the regular term of the lodge

NOBLEWOMEN IN CONVENTS.

English Peersesses Who Wear Garb of the Nun.

Many Catholic noblewomen of England are in convents. Of the sisters of the Duke of Norfolk, one is a Carmelite nun and the other is a Sister of Charity. Lady Frances Bertie, sister of the Earl of Abington, is also a nun, and resides in the Convent of the Visitation, in Harrow.

Lady Edith Fielding, a sister of the Earl of Denbigh, and of Lady Agnes de Trafford, is a Sister of Charity in Klonkian, China. Cicely Arundel, of Warrador, Mary and Edith Clifford, sisters of Lord Clifford, of Chudeleigh; Ellen and Maria French, sisters of Lord French, and Frances Morris, sister of Lord Killanin, are nuns. So are several sisters of Lord Trimlestown.

Four sisters of Lord Herries, and aunts, therefore, of the Dukes of Norfolk and Devon, are nuns. Of Lord Petre's sisters, two are nuns of the Order of the Good Shepherd and a third is a Sister of Charity. Lady Leopoldina Keppel, the sister of a Protestant peer, the Earl of Albemarle, is a nun of the Sacred Heart.

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What men frequently need along with a loan of a bank is moral encouragement—yes, more than the money itself.

When a manufacturer finds a young, honest, and diligent merchant, he extends to him credits in the way of goods. Along with this he encourages him morally to wade in with effort and dispose of these goods. He is to the manufacturer a goose who lays the golden eggs, and the manufacturer does not scare him off the nest—he encourages him to lay more eggs.

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A merchant goes to the bank to borrow money—just as he had a hundred times before. The money goes out to him in a check. Well, it was just like taking a cold bath. He'd get the money and all that, but—

Here is about the spirit he would meet: The banker would rub his hands, put on his undertaker face and put any one of all of the following at him: "Ain't you going a little too fast?" "Don't you think you are selling on too long a time?" "Ain't you sell for cash?" "Ain't your expenses too high?"

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being assisted by Past Chancellors Pearson and Kahler, of Syracuseus Lodge, No. 10, and Knight S. A. Murdoch, of Havana, Ill. There was a large attendance. Several interesting remarks were made by members of the lodge and visitors. Among the visitors were Grand Chancellor C. H. Woodward, Grand Vice Chancellor Albert Kahler, and others.

Rathbone-Superior Lodge, No. 23, conferred the rank of page on two candidates at its convention of February 23.

The regular meeting of the League of American Pen Women was held at the study room of the Public Library, on Monday evening last, Miss White, the president, presiding. The league was pleased to have present again its efficient corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edith Kingman Kern, who has been absent from its meetings for a long period on account of illness.

Mrs. Isabel Gordon Curtis, at the head of the woman's department in Success, and Mrs. Mary Graves Bonham, of Atlanta, Ga., corresponded for the El Paso (Tex.) Daily News, were admitted to membership.

Mrs. Juliette M. Babbitt, historian, called attention to stories and departmental matters of the members of the league, notably Mrs. Stella Marie Stutenroth, president of the South Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs, who has the "Daughters of Dakota" department in the new magazine, "Dakota," Watertown, S. Dak., and "A Defiance of the South," by Edgar Allan Poe, by Kate Abma Organ, of Temple, Tex., in the Houston Daily Post; also Mrs. Helen H. Gardner, one of the officers of the league, giving a brilliant course of lectures at the Washington Club rooms, on "Our-selves and other people."

A letter was read by Mrs. Virginia King Frye from Miss Caroline C. Walsh, of Syracuse, N. Y., and by Mrs. Anna S. Hamilton, a most interesting letter about "Russia," in the Christian Herald, written by Mrs. Evelyn Clark Morgan, who is now circling the globe.

Mrs. J. C. Estabrook, another bright Texas member, read a very descriptive article about the Denver (Colo.) Women's Club house.

MICHIGAN CLUB'S BANQUET.

Citizens of that State Have Enjoyable Meeting in Carroll Hall.

BANK AND MERCHANT.

From the Lantern.

A good deal of the commercial and industrial pessimism of this country emanates from the banks.

A banker deals in a commodity of which we are all in quest; he becomes the central figure of an industrial or commercial community—his is the pulse of trade.

In this relation he is apt to become exalted unto himself and unto those with whom he deals.

To a community of interests, a banker is in reality no more than a merchant or manufacturer; for in making bank loans he is really doing no more than the merchant or manufacturer in extending credits—instead of extending credits in goods he extends credits in money.

Banking is nothing more than a system of credits.

The bankers extend money and the others extend the value of money.

Fundamentally the banker is not the value to a community as the farmer or manufacturer, for in reality he produces no thing of value.

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secretary, recorded the minutes; Miss Laura Fisher, assistant, read communications, and Miss Minnie Parr, pianist, led in the song service. Routine business was disposed of, arrangements were completed for an entertainment Wednesday evening, March 18, and interesting reports were received from several committees indicating growth and progress. Intermission was held, after which, a good-fellow-of-the-order was conducted by the chair.

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Silver Star Lodge No. 20, had a fair attendance at Good Templar Hall, Tenallytown, Thursday evening, notwithstanding the rain, and a considerable number of business. It was presided over by Mr. A. E. Shoemaker, chief templar, presided. The fraternal contest between Companies A and B, which ran successfully through the last quarter, was considerably to the membership roll, and interest in the musical and literary features, was resumed. Company A, Mr. George W. Keene, captain conducted the programme. In the readings were given by Mrs. Annie Finlayson, Susan G. W. Keene, Jr., Clyde Dean and Reggie Howell. A humorous monologue was given, and a song by Mr. R. W. Finness, and an address made by Mr. J. S. Blackford, chaplain. The present needs of the order, the encouragement of the members in opportunities for Good Templars to supply these needs, were remarked by the chair.

GIVE INFORMAL SMOKER.

Choristers Meet Informally in St. Paul's Parish House.

Nearly 200 clergymen, laymen, and choristers met for an informal smoker at St. Paul's parish house, Tuesday evening last, the occasion being the second anniversary of St. Paul's sanctuary choir.

This choir had as their guests Rev. Fathers Mackin, Metcalf, Himmell, Ketchum, Krug, and Walsh, the Rev. Messrs. Cary and Laphan, of the Paulist House of Studies, Catholic University; Rev. Francis J. Byrnes, S. J., prefect of Gonzaga College; Rev. Father Stanton, S. J., of New York, who is a guest of St. Paul's; and Messrs. W. H. Morris, C. B. Riggs, Charles F. Myers, William C. Mills, Harry Stevens, W. C. Stump, Richard Ruiz, George Herbert Wells, Jules Aveille, Dr. Charles L. Watson, and Mr. DuBois.

In addition to these gentlemen, the full adult membership of the male choir of St. Paul's, St. Aloysius, and Holy Trinity were present. General good cheer prevailed, and the accompaniment of good cigars and a buffet supper, speeches and music were enjoyed until long after midnight. The occasion served to bring together all the men of the Catholic faith who are carrying on the reform in church music as suggested by Pope Pius X in his recent Motu Proprio.

The addresses from the clergy and laymen gave great inspiration to the choristers, and the movement in this diocese has been put on a more solid basis. The result will probably be the formation of a diocesan choir guild among the male chorists. The affair, which was conceived by the choirmaster of St. Paul's Church, was successfully carried out in detail by the committee who had the arrangements in charge, Messrs. John Connell, Joseph Dunn, and Edmund Walsh.

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ABOUT THE FAIR SEX

Comments on Women in Official and Commercial Life.

On the other hand, if he had received some encouragement—a period like one of these, he would go back to the office and fight ten times harder, with a determination to see that that loan be paid back at maturity.

Of course, in these big cities the spirit of cheer in business—even the banking business—is growing. A banker nowadays may ask you, in a good-morning tone, if you feel the depression, &c., but he usually knows before you ask if you are entitled to a loan.

The methods of extending bank credits, like those of merchant credits, are more scientific.

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Since being separated from his first wife at Fargo, N. Dak., several years ago, five women have proposed to him, but he rejected them, as he did not believe they were sincere. Cochran is forty-three years of age, tall, and as strong as an ox, and possessed of really holding and a bank account to make his signature good for \$20,000. He smokes and chews tobacco and takes a drink and he feels the need of a stimulant, "but," he says, "I have never become addicted to the use of liquor."

IMAGINE.

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